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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 2843

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Examiner Samira Jean-Louis

PHARMACEUTICALS OR COSMETICS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 12, 2007, constituting a requirement for restriction between Groups (I)-(VI), Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group (I), claim 16.

Applicant notes that the Examiner states that claim 16 is drawn to a method for screening a compound which is able to prevent, mitigate, or treat <u>only</u> renal glomerular lesions. However, claim 16 is actually drawn to a method for screening a compound which is able to prevent, mitigate, or treat glomerular lesions, <u>lesions of pancreatic islets of Langerhans or epidermal lesions</u>. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner examine the <u>full scope</u> of claim 16.

This election is made while reserving Applicant's right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of Groups (II)-(VI).

Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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